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Editorial

CAR DRIVING IN APPOMATTOX

The drivers of automobiles should cooperate with the Boy Scout Safety Patrol in guard in front of the Appomattox high school. The Safety Patrol is on duty before and after school hours, and during the noon recess.

Frankly, we have never been in favor of a policy of strict parking regulations in Appomattox, and of slapping fines on petty violators. In the Town Council, we have argued that Appomattox people would use good judgment in driving and parking, without a raft of parking areas, no parking areas, stop and go signs and speed laws. We still believe in the desire of local drivers to be safe drivers. However, when some of us get in a hurry, we forget the precepts of safe driving. What's why we frequently see some of our best citizens double parking in the down town section, parking on the wrong side of the street, and driving at alarming speeds.

Drivers should realize that the small child cannot be contributory to an accident in the eyes of the law. In a small child deliberately dashes out in front of your car, the accident is YOUR fault. The law says you must have your car under such control that you can stop instantly.

Traffic lines will be painted on the street near the school. There are no parking and "slow" signs. And now, there is a Boy Scout Safety Patrol to warn you to drive carefully. Surely, nothing more can be done in the way of seeking safety. If accidents occur in the school area no driver should plead leniency.

In writing this piece, we cannot refrain from calling on pedestrians and bicycle riders to observe their responsibilities.

UNFIT PHYSICALLY

From Winchester Star

The physical standards the Army and Navy set up for candidates for voluntary enlistments are high. But they are not so near perfection that it is possible to view with equanimity the percentage of young men who are failing to meet them.

According to recruiting officers, four of every six candidates, and upwards, fail to pass. And a great many more are rejected after only a preliminary interview, being judged certain to fail the physical examination.

The principle single cause of rejection is defective teeth and eyes. Some officials believe the depression is to blame. Medical and dental attention have been slighted by families in straightened circumstances, and of course the depression diet of many has been deficient.

But Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Bachus, a recruiting officer, apparently believes the causes are in part at least of even longer standing. Twenty-four years of experience with troops has convinced him, he says, that there has been a general deterioration in physical fitness.

The results, as indicated at the recruiting offices, certainly seem to bear him out. Deterioration in the physical fitness of the nation's youth is a national calamity.

WHAT NEXT?

The question most frequently asked us is, "what next in the war?"

Our stock answer is that one guess is as good as another. Yet, in the light of the recent inclusion of Japan in the Axis, and the need of the dictatorships for a victory, a logical guess may be made. That guess is that the combination of the drain on German oil reserves of the protracted seige of England, and the damage done to reserves and storage tanks by English bombers, has made it advisable for the Axis to look about for OIL. The obvious answer to the German oil need was and is Rumania. However, the Axis already commands Rumanian oil without the formality of taking over military control of that nation. The Axis need for oil probably exceeds the supply available in Rumania. Our guess, therefore, is that the Axis partners met to figure out means of taking over military and semi military control of all the Balkan states and getting at Syria and new oil sources in Iraq. Such a program obviously begins with Rumania, and then Yugo-Slovakia, followed by Greece, Bulgaria and Hungary are already in line. With the aforementioned in hand, the stage would be set to dominate Turkey.

The chief danger to such a plan would lie in the attitude of Soviet Russia. England is in no position to fight on a Balkan front, and can bring strength only in Egypt. How much England is in check the cards Japan was the answer. This is the more logical guess when we consider the pains the Axis took to explain that the Japanese alliance was at the request of Japan, rather than that actually it was at the urging of the Berlin-Rome Axis.

With Russia given to understand that she is not to interfere with the Balkan coup, on penalty of an attack at her back door by Japan, the dictators feel that they will get the oil they need, and also be able to present their backs with victories.

The weakness of all this is that history proves that you can't simply make a paper division of the world, and count on the behavior of hundreds of millions of people in any given situation. Whose swallow the Balkans is going to have great tummy ache! And, pray, what help could Berlin or Rome give Japan in the Far East? Japan is the real loser by tying up with the Axis.

The most definite guess one can make at this time, is that the war will go on into 1941, and that many surprising events will transpire ere a final decision is reached.

MAN OF DESTINY

Sedom has the English-speaking world been so moved by public utterance as it is now moved by the great speeches of Winston Churchill. Their candor, simplicity, and resolution give them stature. In every corner of the British Empire men have come to feel that out of the crucible of experience in victory and defeat, of acclaim and bitter criticism, Mr. Churchill has emerged as a man fit to voice the dauntless spirit of a free people.

It is no sudden leap of fortune that has brought together the man and his mission. From the time of the South African War, Mr. Churchill has been thinking and talking and acting with a great deal of consistency, as the written record proves. It is interesting now to look back over some of these earlier writings. In his book, "A Roving Commission," published in 1930, he said that the leader of a nat on that goes to war must realize that once the signal is given he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events. Antiquated war offices, weak incompetent or arrogant commanders, untrustworthy allies, hostile neutrals, fatal blunders, fortune, ugly surprises, awful miscalculations, — all take their seats at the council board.

What prophecy more truly could forecast the difficulties with which Mr. Churchill has had to deal in the present conflict?

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"I was once asked to devise an inscription for a monument in France. I wrote "In war, Resolution. In defeat, Defiance. In victory, Magnanimity. In peace, Good-Will."

These are gallant words, from the leader of a gallant people. — From New York Times.

WHY HE IS AHEAD

Some of our readers may be at a loss to account for the fact that although he is making no campaign, President Roosevelt is far out ahead of his opponent, Wendel Willkie. All the polls indicate a great landslide.

In practical politics, maybe that being waged for Roosevelt by the events abroad. In our opinnion, the outcome of our election was determined the day Paris fell. Domestic issues simply are not on the minds of the American voters. The one overshadowing issue is Hitler.

In practical politics, maybe that remark of the President at Charlottesville — out "the man with the dagger has stabbed his neighbor in the back" wasn't so bad after all. The American people know that the statement was gospll truth.

Domestic issues will, we hope, be debated fully in the Congress, but on November 5th, many voters will feel that the issue is Churchill or Hitler. Which, in a way, is very unfair to Mr. Willkie, who we fell is the ablest candidate the Republicans could have named. He is caught in a situation where the people simply are not interested in domestic issues.

My Neighbor Says:

Chilling makes rolled cookie dough firm and easy to roll without the addition of extra flour.

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A pail of sand should always be kept near the furnace in the cellar. Should a spark from the furnace start a blaze it may be quickly extinguished with the sand.

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Windows may be quickly and easily cleaned if rubbed with a woolen cloth that has been wrung out of hot water and moistened with vinegar. Polish after a few moments with chamois.

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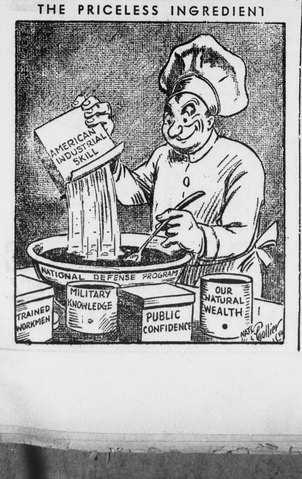
Place a frame of boards around the rose bed and fill in space between the bushes with leaves to protect them during the winter. A few evergreen boughs placed on top of leaves will keep them from blowing away.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Tennessee spoils Duke's hope for undefeated season by downing the Blue Devils 13 to 0.

THE PRICELESS INGREDIENT



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IT HAS BEEN SAID that advertising increases the price of goods.

True, advertising is part of the manufacturer's and merchant's cost of doing business, all of which must be covered in the price of his goods if he is to *stay* in business.

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Think of the prices of radios, mechanical refrigerators and heating appliances, automobiles, light bulbs and other products when first introduced and sold in small volume. Compare with their prices today, after advertising won them enormous acceptance! Successful advertising *decreases* the price of goods.

Courtesy Nation's Business

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS — By Edward C. Wayne

Political Campaign Enters Final Weeks; Draft Registration Plans Completed; Hitler and Mussolini Hold War Council As Great Britain Continues to 'Hold Out'

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

—Released by Western Newspaper Union.

From an invasion base on the English channel coast, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering points his baton toward England as his aides look on. This is a rare photograph for very few pictures of the Nazi secret airfields along the channel pass through the German censor.

DEFENSE:
Conscription

Deferment of the draft call in four states until the harvest has been brought in is being considered in Washington. Maj. Joseph F. Battley, occupational deferment advisor to the joint army-navy draft committee, made the recommendation. The proposed deferment would be for six months. In states which are both agricultural and industrial, Battley said, he proposed the governors call urban registrants during the harvest time and equalize this in other seasons.

Plans for the October 16 registration are almost completed. For those in the age range, 21 to 35, there will be no excuse for failure to register. Men who are away from home that day may register wherever they are, and their cards will be sent to their home districts. Those out of the country must register within five days of their return. Failure to register is punishable with five years in prison and $10,000 fine.

Promotions

The army in September reached the highest peak in peacetime history, 332,142 men. Continued rapid three-year enlistments in the regulars is expected to bring the army to its maximum strength of 375,000 in a comparatively short time. Enlistments since May have been almost 125,000.

To meet the requirements of this rapidly expanding establishment the army is pushing the officer personnel into the higher grades that will be created by the bigger units. In time of peace the army promoted officers up to the grade of colonel by seniority. But now a mass promotion, unknown except in war, already has taken place. To make room for reserve officers, 55,000 of whom are being called into the service, all second lieutenants with a year of service have been promoted to first lieutenants and all first lieutenants to captains. The President also named 65 officers to higher rank in the general grade. This increases to 107 the number of officers in the grade of brigadier general and higher.

When the emergency ceases, or if the officers are assigned to other duties, they will revert to their lower grades.

Recreation

The army will seek, in this emergency, to eliminate the elbowing of each other by welfare agencies that caused rivalry and some ill-feeling in the World war. There will be no recreation huts by Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus or Red Cross. Instead the army itself will maintain recreational facilities in all camps.

Congress has provided funds for this work. The House defeated a move which would have forbidden use of these funds for dispensing beer. Sale of hard liquors already is forbidden on army posts.

THE CAMPAIGN:
Republicans

For the second time in as many weeks, Wendell L. Willkie arrived at his New York home to rest up after six days of hard campaigning. It was the first appearance of the G. O. P. presidential candidate in the East since his nomination. During this period he covered ground from Indiana to Pennsylvania. Beginning his second week in the East he moved into New England.

Willkie, during the eastern tour, charged that the administration was pushing the nation "ever closer and closer to war." He said that given the chance, by being elected to the presidency, he would "clean out the unbelievers, and the bunk artists."

Democrats

Not campaigning and not talking politics, President Roosevelt made a tour of defense establishments in nearby Maryland. At the Aberdeen proving grounds he held his ears shut while big guns roared. He saw an exhibit of the new Garand rifle.

Meanwhile his vice presidential running mate, Henry A. Wallace, moved through the Southwest and into California. He laid stress on the Roosevelt Good Neighbor policy toward Latin America. He pleased an audience in Albuquerque, N. M., by breaking into Spanish in the middle of his speech.

The Democratic campaign also got a boost from Sen. Robert M. LaFollette (Prog., Wis.). LaFollette, who fought some of the New Deal policies bitterly, turned in for a third term.

Roughhouse

Not all of Willkie's audiences were friendly. In several cities he was booed and in a few he was pelted with vegetables. This roughhouse reached its peak in Pontiac and Detroit, Mich. In the former city the G. O. P. standard bearer was the target for eggs. Mrs. Willkie was hit. In Detroit, as he passed one of the city's largest hotels, there was a rain of objects from windows. One woman dropped a five-pound wastebasket on the crowd beneath, seriously injuring a girl. The thrower turned out to be an employee of the Reconstruction Finance corporation. These incidents brought a rebuke from President Roosevelt, who called the conduct "reprehensive." He ordered the federal employee be separated from her job and suggested criminal prosecution be brought.

THE WAR:
New Plans?

While there were some indications that the Nazi invasion plans for England had been bogged down and while the German high command admitted the war would go into a second winter, an anxious world turned its eyes toward another Hitler-Mussolini war council as the dictators met at historic Brenner Pass for a discussion of future military and diplomatic adventure.

By spring, Berlin said, it was believed that effective pounding of British cities and industries and "general hunger" would be on the side of Germany. It was said London will not be permitted to catch its breath.

Britain was doing some bombing on its own score, meanwhile. One raid over Berlin lasted more than five hours. But the most terrifying moments still were reserved for the channel ports, and again the combination of bombardment from the sky and long-range coastal guns in England made many of these harbors an extremely unhealthful place for inhabitation.

If Hitler calls off his channel blitzkrieg, many look for winter activity in the Balkans. Germany may make a concerted movement against Greece and Turkey while Mussolini throws his weight toward the Suez in Egypt.

NAMES . . . *in the news*

Loss—Col. F. C. Harrington, 53, Works Progress administrator, died in New London, Conn. In 1938 Colonel Harrington was "loaned" to the WPA by the army when that agency was under severe criticism.

Crash—Brig. Gen. Francis W. Honeycutt was killed when an airplane in which he was riding crashed in a southeast Georgia swamp.

Spain—Julian Besteiro, 70-year-old last president of the Spanish republic which was overthrown by General Franco, died in a prison in Seville.

Death — Marguerite Clark, who early in the history of motion pictures shared star honors with Mary Pickford, died in New York at the age of 54.

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"Many young women, and indeed others who are older, listen too intently to the siren voice of 'reducing for beauty's sake.' Without securing professional advice, and relying on dietary suggestions of friends or faddists, a number of normal weight individuals deliberately deprive themselves of nourishing food. Cutting down acutely on the daily intake of essential sustenance, such persons run real health risks which often become realities. Again, numerous men and women who have partaken of fat-producing food too lustily over a period, find themselves in the overweight class. Suddenly impressed with their rotundity they also become extremely vulnerable to nonsensical diet suggestions. Forgetting that possibly years were required to develop the now unwelcome cushion, some of these folks suddenly become extremists and make foolish efforts to remove in three weeks or a month the penalty for which their extended indulgence was responsible. Near tragedies, as well as actual ones, sometimes follow in the wake of such senseless body-tinkering."

Dr. Riggin concluded that, "Adults, somehow, must be made to realize that unnecessarily depriving themselves of food is dangerous business. Those actually in need of a controlled diet, should delegate that control to the family physician. The amateur or faddist cannot safely handle it."

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Gladstone

Gladstone, Oct. 6.- Mrs. O. L. Brown and Mrs F R Greaver have returned from a visit in Richmond.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gladstone community league was held Friday evening in the auditorium. J. C. Lee is president of the league, and was re-elected for another year.

Mrs. W. R. Jobe visited her daughter, Miss Ruth Jobe, in Newport News last week. Miss Jobe teaches school there.

Rev. Roy Clark is conducing revival services at the C. & O. Baptist church.

Mrs. W. R. Moon, of Shipman, is visiting W. D. Moon, who continues quite sick.

Marten Stages Come-Back

Once almost extinct in this section of the Rockies, the elusive marten, a pride of the early day trappers, is staging a strong come-back in the park, Naturalist Raymond Gregg has reported.

Under the protection of the national park service, the fur bearing animal has multiplied its numbers many times since the establishment of Rocky Mountain National park in 1915, eliminating activities of trappers in the area.

While usually making forays on smaller animals at elevations from 8,000 to 10,000 feet, marten have been observed on the summit of Longs peak, 14,255 feet high, in search of coneys, small rodent-like mammals making their homes in talus slopes above timberline.

Washington Redskins leading professional football league.

University of Virginia scores victory over Yale in football, to feature last Saturday's games.

Appomattox high school football team to play at Clarksville Friday.

Concord News Letter

Concord, October 9.- The October meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Mrs. R. H. Creas is president. The publicity committee had charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harvey, of Chatham, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drinkard.

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Appomattox has plenty of free parking space.

Governor Horner, of Illinois, dies.

Mobilization of new naval units is expected soon.

Declare national income on the upgrade in America.

Herbert Hoover thinks America should feed Europe.

Willkie sets October 23 as "No Third Term Day."

Democrats see Virginia's closest congressional fight in 9th district.

Farmville School Football Schedule

The 1940 football schedule of the Farmville high school has been announced as follows:

September 27, at Clarksville. (Note: Clarksville 2, Farmville 0)
October 4, at Blackstone.
October 11, Victoria at Farmville
October 18, Open.
October 25, at Lawrenceville.
Nov. 1, at Altavista.
Nov. 8, Crewe at Farmville.
Nov. 15, Chase City at Farmville.
Nov. 20, Appomattox at Farmville.

The parking problem in Appomattox will be relieved if those who drive cars to work each morning would NOT park on Main Street and thereby occupy a parking space an entire day.

THE STRANGE MYSTERY OF THE STONE BENCH

Another inside story by H. Ashton Wolfe, celebrated detective, revealing how an incredible crime-mystery was solved by the greatest of European police. Don't miss this feature in the October 20th issue of

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